

Carroll County Board of Education Working Meeting

February 11, 2014 3:00 PM

Carroll County Board of Education Central Office

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 3:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Ms. Carolyn Jones

Mrs. Mona Kindoll

Mrs. Drusilla Maiden

Ms. Mary Ann Pearson

Mr. Rob Spenneberg

Dr. Lisa James, Superintendent; Bill Hogan, Assistant Superintendent/CAO; Jon Conrad, Treasurer; and Tracie Crawford, Board Secretary were also present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Order #60892 - Motion Passed: Approved agenda items 1 - 5 as presented. Passed 5-0 with a motion by Mrs. Drusilla Maiden and a second by Ms. Mary Ann Pearson.

Ms. Carolyn Jones Yes

Mrs. Mona Kindoll Yes

Mrs. Drusilla Maiden Yes

Ms. Mary Ann Pearson Yes

Mr. Rob Spenneberg Yes

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Order #60893 - Motion Passed: Approved consent agenda item 3A as presented.

Passed 5-0 with a motion by Mr. Rob Spenneberg and a second by Mrs. Drusilla Maiden.

Ms. Carolyn Jones Yes

Mrs. Mona Kindoll Yes

Mrs. Drusilla Maiden Yes

Ms. Mary Ann Pearson Yes

Mr. Rob Spenneberg Yes

3.A. Approval of Additional Hours for the 20 Hour Licensed Nurse Approved additional hours for the 20 hour licensed nurse to assist within the district for additional time when the full time nurse is out of the district at an estimated cost of \$17.91 per hour as presented. Mr. Curell and Dr. James explained to the board that this was a late approval, however with an enrollment of students that will require a licensed nurse to be on sight at the schools this was the best option for the district to approve on an as needed basis.

4. Discussion

4.A. Discussion on Carroll County Middle School Renovation and Addition Bid Ron Murrell and Eric Steva with RossTarrant was present at the meeting to discuss the bid opening, the alternates available, and options for the board to consider. Ron Murrell presented the bid options, we had a total of nine general contractors that bid on the

project. Marrilla Design & Construction did have the lowest bid with the base bid and the alternates chosen at this time. The alternates that were selected were Alternate 1,5,6,7,8,10, & 11. Alternate #6 would include renovating those basement rooms that will include the Lighthouse space and FMD Classroom. In the base bid, it does include an elevator. Mona Kindoll did ask RossTarrant to ask why there was a difference in the Alternate #5 for Marrilla among the other two lower bidders and he will follow up with Marrilla to see why such a difference for the bus canopy alternate. There were discussions about Alternate #9 and decide at a later date exactly where and how much resilient athletic flooring would be needed. Mr. Spenneberg stated that he wanted to look at the mezzanine in the gym for the track to look at what we needed to go forward and how much of the flooring needed to be covered. We do need to keep an eye on the in house projects as well and not overwhelm Maintenance department. We also want to make sure that when we move forward on the building that it is done smoothly and it looks like one building not additions added. The board is ok on the alternates and agreed to move forward at the next regular board meeting on February 27, 2014. Mr. Conrad discussed the most updated BG1 that we have developed for the board to consider after the bids and alternates have been discussed. Mr. Conrad explained the statement of probable costs and funds available. We will use some cash that we have and also bonding potential and explained this to the board and how that relates to the district. If we don't use our bond issue from the SFCC, then those will add up and you have eight years to use those or you lose those funds that you have acquired. We do have more flexibility on the cash end than the bonding end. If it wasn't for the industries in the county then we wouldn't be able to have the ability to do the construction projects. We have a nickel to surrounding districts having three nickels. We didn't want to place that on the community. Once money goes into the construction fund then the money stays in the construction fund and we try to maintain our budget and make sure that we still have remaining funds after construction is completed. There is about \$220,000 difference between the initial BG1 was approved compared to the most recent BG1 based off construction bids.

4.B. Discussion on Valedictorian/Salutatorian Practice Dr. James presented the collection of the Valedictorian/Salutatorian from surrounding districts and how they handle this process. Since this information was collected, Mr. Hogan and Mr. Stephens has taken the information back to the committee that has looked over everything and come back with what they would like to see and we have a draft policy that we're presenting at this time. Mr. Stephens stated that he wanted to make sure that we were recognizing the honor students and how we are maintaining students reaching goals and benchmarks. We still want to address Honors, High Honors, Highest Honors and still having students take AP classes. You can get an additional point for AP classes, .5 point for JCTC classes. We also would like to transition this into the school for the Juniors and underclassmen. The juniors will not have as much time to acquire the requirements so next year the requirements will not be as much as the following years. Phasing in the changes to the academic requirements is the direction that we need to do for the students because of legal issues. As a board we can adopt this policy, however the SBDM committee has the right to change the requirements to ratchet up the requirements. It has not been challenged as to the autonomy of who should change the requirements however as a board we are within our rights. Mr. Crawford did state though that we should not change this for the school year of 2013-2014. It does take committee work, staff meetings, and time to gather the information and this is not something that we can put together and change the requirements today. Mrs. Mona

Kindoll did ask about the JCTC College Courses that the students take, she feels that we should look at the students only receiving a .5 point and AP Courses receiving 1 point. Mrs. Kindoll also expressed that she would have liked for this policy to go forward and active for 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Carolyn Jones did question the stress placed on the students and felt there was another way of recognizing students. Mrs. Kindoll stated that she did want the title of Valedictorian/Salutatorian removed from the policy and not have those titles any longer in the policy. Dr. James did state that some colleges/universities want to have the Valedictorian/Salutatorian for scholarship reasons, which is also rank. Discussions discussed weighted/unweighted GPA. Mr. Stephens expressed that taking the Valedictorian/Salutatorian away from the students would actually be taking recognition away and we won't to add more recognition not take away. Mr. Stephens did comment that we were going to change the graduation ceremony to acknowledge our students with Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors. Those students will be recognized and be at the front before all other students. Instead of also during the academic banquet of recognizing the top 20 seniors, then we will recognize all those students meeting benchmarks. There is also discussion of having a plaque/banner all students that earned Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. Mrs. Kindoll did comment and ask questions about the recognition of students that are taking courses at JCTC would they get recognition or extra points? Dr. James did state that she takes full responsibility however we can't change the requirements at this time for 2013-2014. Mr. Spenneberg and Mrs. Maiden do not want to completely change and remove Valedictorian/Salutatorian. We need to continue to challenge the students. Mr. Hogan and Mr. Stephens explained that if we have a school year that we don't have students to meet the requirements set forth within the policy then there could be years that we don't have a class with a Valedictorian/Salutatorian. We will still have a student that is first and a student that is second in ranks. We need to look at all aspects and what all colleges/universities will ask to see on applications and scholarships. As a superintendent, we need to make sure that we don't limit ourselves and students. Mr. Hogan will follow up with out of state colleges/universities and ask them about the importance of valedictorian/salutatorian. Within the policy we followed something similar to what Shelby county is using and having the Valedictorian/Salutatorian language in place to make sure that we can cover all students, in the event that it was needed, the school district is covered and it will help students. Mrs. Mary Ann Pearson asked what would happen if all students were equal? In that event then those students would all be in 1st place and Valedictorian. The board would like additional information for colleges/universities out of state and what is required, the weight/unweight of the grades and JCTC/AP Courses of those students receiving .5 point verses 1 point. There is discussion about our grading scale. The JCTC grading scale is different from the CCHS grading scale. That is part of the reason why JCTC courses only receive .5 point verses AP Courses at 1 point. Districts are moving to 90-100 for A, 80-89 for a B and this will also effect KEES money which to level the academic field we need to look at that across the state so that our students are receiving the same as other students. Mr. Hogan will also have discussion with Wayne Young as well to make sure that what we can do on policy changes and this is not an SBDM decision. Mr. Hogan will also do research to look at the school districts and look at the grading scales to make sure that students are on a level field academically with all districts. The board decided to have an additional working board meeting to discuss what is found from Mr. Stephens and Mr. Hogan.

4.C. Discussion on Tobacco Free School Campus Mrs. Jones, stated that Carroll County is one of the few districts that are not property smoke free. Carroll County School District buildings are smoke free but the property is not. Recommendations from other school districts have stated that you phase it in and inform your employees and give them time to adjust. There is a House Bill in legislature for Kentucky to move to Tobacco Free, in which case if that passes then it covers property. Dr. James, spoke with Dr. Perkins, Gallatin County Superintendent who stated that they have gone tobacco free in their district, they gave everyone eighteen (18) months. This also was an initiative that began in Gallatin County because the students wanted their campus to be tobacco free, which includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and chewing tobacco. The health department also helped design a survey for input. Our health department will offer smoking cessation classes for free for staff. Dr. Perkins also stated that the best practice is to communicate, discussed the information with the employees, talked to them about the policies that would be in effect, and gave the staff time. Gallatin County had announcements that they would make at all games and functions, however her staff isn't the tobacco police. Staff will try to stress it however you will have some people that will not abide by the rules. In those cases you try your best in explaining that the building and property is smoke free. This is something though that we need to talk to employees and make sure that they are aware of the changes. Mr. Curell stated that stated that we need to get our student body involved with this initiative of having tobacco free school campus. The board stated that they felt that we need to move forward, give staff and the community notice that the campuses will be going tobacco free. The board also said that they would like to move forward with the health department assisting the district with cessation classes. It would also be nice that having the students involved with making announcements about us being a tobacco free campus. The board stated that it would be better to make the choice to move forward and not send out surveys. Students need to be involved with this change. August 2015 is a date that we would like to move toward that will give everyone about eighteen (18) months to adjust and policies would be drafted to begin the process.

5. Adjournment

Order #60894 - Motion Passed: Approved adjourning the February 11, 2014 Working meeting at 5:19 p.m. Passed 5-0 with a motion by Mr. Rob Spenneberg and a second by Ms. Carolyn Jones.

Ms. Carolyn Jones	Yes
Mrs. Mona Kindoll	Yes
Mrs. Drusilla Maiden	Yes
Ms. Mary Ann Pearson	Yes
Mr. Rob Spenneberg	Yes

Chairperson

Secretary